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Docket No.: J2167.0166/P166  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Joseph Gendler

Application No.: 09/705,486

Art Unit: 3623

Filed: November 3, 2000

Examiner: E. Shaffer

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
AUTOMATED FINANCIAL PROJECT  
MANAGEMENT**

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2003, a Notice of Appeal and Petition for Extension of Time being filed herewith, please consider the following remarks:

**CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.